

**Topics in Public Administration: Comparative Public Administration**

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**Course Description and Objective:** This course provides students with a greater understanding of national systems of public administration in a wide range of countries. Among the topics are criteria for comparison, concepts of transformation, historical antecedents, more and less developed nations, and regimes in which bureaucracy or politics predominate. The content includes a number of countries from west and east, also including the new governments of Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and incorporate recent research.

Although this course will cover a wide range of countries and topics, but will focus on six countries: USA, Great Britain, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea and especially China. This course will focus on the comparison of emerging New Public Management in the global context of administration reform and the traditional approach of Public Administration.

**Grade:**

Attendance: 10%

Participation: 20%  
(regular course involvement and discussions)

Presentations: 20%  
(Two presentations, each accounts 10%)

An Annotated bibliography essay: 20%  
(This essay is expected to focus on a specific theme in a particular country)

Term paper: 30%  
(building on the bibliography essay, write a term paper which will be recommended to be published in **CHINESE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REVIEW**,  
(CPAR homepage: [www.CPAR.net](http://www.CPAR.net))

**Texts:**

1. Public Administration: A Comparative Perspective (Public Administration and Public Policy, No 89) by Ferrel Heady Marcel Dekker (Feb., 2001)
2. Public Management Reform and Innovation: Research, Theory, and Application by H. George Frederickson (editor), Jocelyn M. Johnston (Editor). University of Alabama (May 1999)
3. Public Management Reform: A Comparative Analysis by Christopher Pollitt and Geert Bouckaert, Oxford University Press. (Feb., 2000).
4. CHINESE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REVIEW Vol1, No1&2, 2002

**Course Schedule:**

- Week One 01/23/2003 A General Introduction of the Course
- Week Two 01/30/2003 Accountability
- Week Three 02/06/2003 (New) Public Administration, Public management
- Week Four 02/13/2003 Intellectual History of Public Administration
- Week Five 02/20/2003 Comparison in the Study of Public Administration (Specific Country: USA)
- Week Six 02/27/2003 A Focus for Comparison  
(Specific Country: United Kingdom)
- Week Seven 03/06/2003 Concepts of System Transformation  
(Specific Country: New Zealand)
- Week Eight 03/13/2003 Historical Antecedents of National Administrative Systems (Specific Country: Japan)
- Week Nine 03/20/2003 Spring Break (No Class!)
- Week Ten 03/27/2003 Administration in More Developed Nations: general Characteristics and “Classic” Administrative Systems (Specific Country: South Korea)
- Week Eleven 04/03/2003 Administration in More Developed Nations: Some Variations in Administrative Systems. **(Due Date of the Annotated Bibliography Essay!!)**  
(Specific Country: P.R. China)
- Week Twelve 04/10/2003 Administration in Less Developed Nations
- Week Thirteen 04/17/2003 Bureaucratic-Prominent Political Regimes
- Week Fourteen 04/24/2003 Party-Prominent Political Regimes
- Week Fifteen 05/01/2003 An Overview of Bureaucracies and Political Systems.
- Week Sixteen 05/08/2003 **Due Date of the Term Paper !!!**

**Reading Materials:** The instructor will distribute regular handouts.

**Reference Books:**

1. Raadschelders, Jos C.N. 1998. Handbook of Administrative History. Transaction Publishers.
2. Gladden, E.N. 1972. A History of Public Administration. 2 vol. London: Frank Cass.
3. Jreisat, Jamil E. 2002. Comparative Public Administration and Policy. Westview Press.
4. Huddleston, Mark W. 1984. Comparative Public Administration: An Annotated Bibliography. Garland Publishing, Inc.
5. Baker, Randall (Edited). 1994. Comparative Public Management. Praeger.
6. Subramaniam, V. (Edited). 1990. Public Administration in the Third World.: An International Handbook. Greenwood Press
7. Weidner, W. (Edited). 1970. Development Administration in Asia. Duke University Press.

8. Huque, Ahmed Shafique. Etc. (Edited). 1996. Public Administration in the NICs: Challenges and Accomplishments. MACMILL PRESS LTD
9. Nolan, Brendan C. 2001. Public Sector Reform: An International Perspective. Palgrave.
10. Lynn, Laurence E. 1996. Public Management as Arts, Science, and Profession. Chatham House Publishers, Inc.
11. Sims, Ronald R. 1998. Accountability and radical Change in Public Organizations. Quorum Books.
12. Brudney, Jeffrey L. et al. 2000. Advancing Public Management: New Developments in Theory, Methods, and Practice. Georgetown University Press.
13. Lane, Jan-Erik. 1997. Public Sector Reform: Rationale, Trends and Problems. Sage Publications.
14. Crew, Robert E. 1992. Politics and Public Management: An Introduction. West Publishing Company.
15. Barzelay, Michael. 2001. The New Public Management: Improving Research and Policy Dialogue. University of California Press.
16. Horton, Sylvia and David Farnham. 1999. Public Management in Britain. St. Martin's Press, Inc.
17. Mercer, James L. 1992. Public Management in Lean Years: Operating in a Cutback management Environment. Quorum Books.
18. Whicker, Marcia Lynn and Todd W. Areson. 1990. Public Sector Management. Praeger.
19. Pollitt, Christopher. 1993. Managerialism and the Public Services: Cuts or Cultural Change in the 1990s? (Second Edition). Blackwell.
20. Lane, Jan-Erik. 1995. The Public Sector: Concepts, Models and Approaches. Second Edition Revised and Expanded. Sage.
21. Warmesley, Gary L. et al. 1990. Refounding Public Administration. Sage Publications.